

# Greenways and Trails Tidbits

September 2006 Edition

## **Bicycle Ride Across Tennessee (BRAT) September 16 – 23, 2006**

<http://www.tnstateparks.com/BRAT/>

Welcome to the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Bicycle Ride Across Tennessee. The 2006 BRAT will begin at Natchez Trace State Park near Jackson, TN. This year's ride will overnight at six State Parks and part of the route following the Natchez Trace Parkway. Riders can expect lots of fantastic scenery as they roll through the hills and hollows of west and middle Tennessee.

The Tennessee State Parks, the Department of Transportation and the Cumberland Trail Conference (CTC) sponsor the 2006 BRAT. Part of the proceeds from this year's event will go directly to the Cumberland Trail Conference. The CTC is a non-profit organization dedicated to the creation and preservation of the Cumberland Trail State Park. For more information and on line registration, go to the website or call Danny McCullough at 931-686-BIKE.

## **International Mountain Bicycling Association (IMBA) [www.imba.com](http://www.imba.com)**

Celebrate National Public Lands Day(NPLD) on **September 30, 2006** by linking with any of the sponsors/hosts of an NPLD event. Go to: <http://www.publiclandsday.org/involved/tennessee.cfm> to find an event near you.

The IMBA Tennessee affiliate group, SORBA, will be working on the Raccoon Mountain project, part of the Chattanooga 2010 project to add 100 miles of new mountain bike trails by 2010.

## **Cumberland Trail Conference (from their website)**

<http://www.cumberlandtrail.org/act.html>

Join with the Cumberland Trail Conference (CTC) by celebrating the 2006 trail construction season by attending the CTC Appreciation Weekend at Frozen Head State Natural Area on **October 6-7, 2006**.

For more details, got to the CTC website.

## **Southwest Tennessee Development District, <http://www.swtdd.org/>**

The 2006 Bagels and Bluegrass Bicycle Century Tour will be held **October 7, 2006** and the headquarters for the ride will be at Jackson State Community College (JSCC), 2046 N. Parkway in Jackson, TN. Route will include Pinson Mounds State Archaeological Area and Chickasaw State Park. Proceeds from the Tour will be used to help fund scholarships there at JSCC.

For more information go to: <http://www.bagelsandbluegrass.tn.org/>

## **American Trails <http://americantrails.org>**

The 18<sup>th</sup> National Trails Symposium will be held in the Quad Cities of IA and IL on **October 19-22, 2006**. Come and find out all the latest opportunities for trail building, partnerships and network with national and international trail user groups.

Go to: <http://www.americantrails.org/quad/index.html> to review the activities and to register for the event.

## **Windrock ATV Club <http://www.windrockatv.com/>**

The Club's annual 2006 Fall Benefit Ride will be held on **October 19-21, 2006** at the Coal Creek OHV Area. Events include a Sled Pull, Poker Run, Mud Bog and Drag Race. For more information and registration for the event, go to the club website.

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## Tennessee Trails Association (TTA) website

[www.tennesseetrails.org](http://www.tennesseetrails.org) (August, 2006 newsletter)

The TTA's Annual Meeting is coming up **October 20-22, 2006** and will be held at the Brandon Springs Group Camp at the Land Between the Lakes. LBL is an 180,000-acre area between Kentucky Lake and Lake Barkley and is managed by the U.S. Forest Service. Lots of trails to hike and plenty of wildlife and Fall Colors to be seen. Don't forget to give items for the Cumberland Trail auction along with lots of money to purchase auction items.

For registration information, check the website.

## American Hiking Society [http://www.americanhiking.org/news/trail\\_fund.html](http://www.americanhiking.org/news/trail_fund.html)

The American Hiking Society's website provides a list of potential funding sources for trails and greenways. Go to the website above to check out government and private sources of funding.

The American Hiking Society National Trails Fund is the only privately funded, national grant program dedicated solely to protecting hiking trails. Awards range from \$500 to \$10,000 per project. Now in its sixth year, the Fund has awarded more than \$240,000 to 56 grassroots organizations all over the U.S. working to establish, protect and maintain foot trails in America. Applications must be postmarked by **November 1, 2006**.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact Ivan Levin, Trails Program Manager, at 301-565-6704 x208 or [Ilevin@AmericanHiking.org](mailto:Ilevin@AmericanHiking.org).

## American Trails <http://americantrails.org>

The Forest Service Trail Accessibility Guidelines update in the Federal Register can be found by going to: <http://americantrails.org/resources/accessible/FSORfedreg06may22.html>. The national office Forest Service has taken the lead in developing the Forest Service Outdoor Recreation Accessibility Guidelines (FSORAG) and are moving to implement these guidelines in all new or renovated recreation areas at National Forest units across the nation.

*Information provided in this newsletter is taken from other sources and it is recommended that you go to those sources directly for complete information about an activity or event.*



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